

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 have been canceled. New claims 8-27 have been added. Thus, claims 8-27 are presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The amendments are not made for purposes of patentability.

A substitute specification incorporating the changes in this preliminary amendment is provided with this application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification.

**Conclusion**

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10/11/04

By: J.P. Musone  
John P. Musone  
Registration No. 44,961  
(407) 736-6449

Siemens Corporation  
Intellectual Property Department  
170 Wood Avenue South  
Iselin, New Jersey 08830